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Fairfield County is rich in history, and nowhere is that history more accessible than in our covered bridges. With more original covered bridges than any county in Ohio, you can spend a day just touring the bridges and experiencing a bit of what life was like when horse-drawn carriages ruled the roads. Our many museums offer something for everyone, appealing to a wide variety of interests. You can view Civil War artifacts, glassware, motorcycles, historical aircraft, and even a hands-on museum for children.

If you enjoy the outdoors, take time to explore our many parks and nature preserves. Four different park systems offer over 8,000 acres of green space where you can play, hike, picnic, or just find a quiet place to relax and enjoy the beauty and peace that will surround you.

This guide is just the beginning of all that Fairfield County has to offer. Please visit our website, VisitFairfieldCounty.org, for the latest calendar of events and more details on all that there is to see and do here. You can also stop by our Visitor Center, where you will receive a warm welcome from our expert staff.

Please feel free to contact us if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable. We hope you enjoy your visit, and welcome you back any time of the year!

Fairfield County Visitors Guide



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Covered Bridges

Fairfield County is home to 18 original covered bridges, more than anywhere else in Ohio. These bridges to America's past feature different designs and were built in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Visitors can spend the day on a self-guided driving tour and walk across many of the county's historic treasures.

Hizey Covered Bridge

Location: On private property on Tollgate Road in Violet Township.
Built: 1891
Length: 83 feet

Estate Covered Bridge

Location: Woodbridge Lane South, in a housing development called Covered Bridge Estates in Violet Township
Built: 1888
Length: 36 feet

Zeller-Smith Covered Bridge

Location: Lockville Road in Sycamore Park in Pickerington
Built: 1906
Length: 73 feet

Shreyer Covered Bridge

Location: On private property on Basil-Western Road in Liberty Township
Built: 1891
Length: 65 feet

McCleery Covered Bridge

Location: Crosses Feters Run, also called Ewing Run, in Lancaster.
Built: 1864
Length: 50 feet

Hartman II Covered Bridge

Location: Pickerington Road in Lockville Park in Lockville.
Built: 1888
Length: 45 feet

Rock Mill Covered Bridge

Location: Lithopolis Road near Patton Lane in Bloom Township.
Built: 1901
Length: 33 feet

Hanaway Covered Bridge

Location: Clearport Road, just south of Clearport
Built: 1881
Length: 86 feet

Johnston Covered Bridge

Location: Clear Creek Road, southeast of Clearport.
Built: 1887
Length: 99 feet

Mink Hollow Covered Bridge

Location: Meister Road near Hopewell Church Road in Hocking Township.
Built: 1887
Length: 51 feet

George Hutchins Covered Bridge

Location: Alley Park, off Old Logan Road near the Goslin Nature Center
Built: 1883
Length: 49 feet

Mae Hummell Covered Bridge

Location: Private property on Sullivan Road near the intersection of Buckeye Road in Berne Township.
Built: 1875
Length: 35 feet

Shade Covered Bridge

Location: Private property on Sullivan Road near the intersection of Buckeye Road in Berne Township. Near Mae Hummell Covered Bridge.
Built: 1871
Length: 122 feet

Jon Raab Covered Bridge

Location: Private property on Ireland Road off U.S. 22 in Pleasant Township
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Length: 44 feet

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Housed inside one of the great Greek Revival homes of Ohio, the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio located on East Main Street in Lancaster is dedicated to fostering knowledge and appreciation of the decorative arts.

The historic Reese-Peters House was built in 1835 for William James Reese and his wife, Mary Elisabeth Sherman. Reese was a native of Philadelphia and a well-educated man who studied law. His wife was the eldest sister of General William T. Sherman and Senator John Sherman. The last private owner of the house, Philip Rising Peters, entrusted the house to be used for a civic purpose. The property was donated to the Fairfield County Commissioners in 1994 and the development of the nonprofit Decorative Arts Center of Ohio began.

The Reese-Peters House and the Wendel Center for Art Education (located on the former site of the mansion's carriage house) were officially dedicated as the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio in September 2000. The Decorative Arts Center's mission is educating the public about the decorative arts, celebrating the architecture of the Reese-Peters House, and enhancing the vitality and integrity of historic Lancaster. The Center is also a focus for research and communication about the decorative arts in Ohio.

The Center provides exhibitions, public programs, art classes and workshops for all ages, and is located at 145 E. Main St., Lancaster.

The Wendel Center for Art Education, aptly nicknamed the "Art Garage" is a two-story structure that replaced the Reese-Peters House's original carriage house. The first floor serves as a large professional studio for art students of all ages. The upper floor of the Wendel Center for Art Education is a family center designed for younger children to explore the arts with their family.

The Center offers art classes for all ages and skill levels taught by professional artists and certified art teachers.

The Decorative Arts Center of Ohio also has a museum shop which offers a variety of decorative art, exhibition-related merchandise, and goods from artists from Ohio and across the nation. Such items include books, stationary, textiles, postcards, jewelry and seasonal items.

The Center can also be rented to host special events such as weddings, receptions and family reunions.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free.

For information about the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, visit www.decartsohio.org or call (740) 681-1423.



Rock Mill

In 1992, Rock Mill was quietly crumbling back into the Hocking River gorge that had once given it life. That very year, Bob and Rita Stebelton purchased the mill and surrounding land from Urcel Alspach, who was the only surviving daughter of Sherman Alspach, the last person to own the mill while it was operable. The Stebeltons made several repairs to the mill to stabilize its structure; still, it was a far cry from what the mill would have looked like when it was first built in 1824. That year, the wood of the mill and waterwheel would have been the soft gold of white oak, a material chosen because of its hearty resistance to water. The mill would have stood out as a singular structure against the surrounding forest and fields; its scenic covered bridge not being constructed until 1849.

According to local legend, Rock Mill was given its six floors because it was originally conceived to be both a grist and woolen mill; however, the machinery required to process the wool was never added to the building. Nonetheless, a 26-foot-in-diameter wooden overshot waterwheel was constructed to supply power throughout the building, and a 30-foot-long, 14-foot-deep sluice was hand-chiseled out of the sandstone gorge to supply water through the flume to the wheel. The falls of the Hocking River were dammed to raise the water an additional 15 feet.

Rock Mill was powered by its waterwheel until approximately 1897, when the wheel was replaced by the combined power of steam engine and water turbine. When Rock Mill ceased operation in 1905, it was powered solely by steam.

For nearly 100 years, Rock Mill sat vacant. In 2003, the Stebeltons donated Rock Mill to the Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission. After an extensive archeological excavation, which included the discovery of Rock Mill's original mill stones, Historical Parks Director, David Fey, began initial repairs to the building. When the Historical Parks levy passed in November 2011, construction to complete the exterior and to restore more of the interior began in earnest. In September 2012, the Historical Parks installed a replica of the original waterwheel, the largest wooden waterwheel in the nation. Now a public park, visitors may explore the grounds of the mill from dawn until dusk, seven days a week. The mill itself is open most weekends during the months of May through October from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Contact the Historical Parks' office for more information: (740) 681-7249.



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Pictured: Far right, Lockville Park & Barn; Top circle, Wheel at Rockwell; Bottom circle, Wahkeena

Exterior of 1814 farmhouse at Wahkeena

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Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum

The American Motorcycle Heritage Foundation established the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum adjacent to the American Motorcyclist Association headquarters in Pickerington in 1999, which features exhibits depicting all aspects of motorcycling history.

The main floor of the Motorcycle Hall of Fame celebrates inductees — the heroes of the track, road, trails and halls of government who have elevated the sport to new heights. The machines that are featured in the museum include a Wayne Rainey superbike, Gary Nixon's Formula 750 race bike, Doug Henry's YZM400, one-of-a-kind Craig Vetter bikes, Denis Manning's 23-foot-long Tenacious II streamliner, and many more.

Motorcycles that have appeared in the Hall of Fame Museum have dated back to the 1890s.

Admission to the museum for non AMA members is \$10 for adults, \$3 for students (ages 12-17), \$8 for seniors and \$25 for families. Children 11 and under are admitted free.

The museum is located at 13515 Yarmouth Drive, Pickerington and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week (except Christmas Eve, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and New Year's Day). For information, call (614) 856-2222 or visit www.motorcyclermuseum.org.

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Ohio Glass Museum

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The Ohio Glass Museum was established to reflect the importance of the glassmaking industry in Lancaster and Fairfield County's history. With abundant supplies of natural gas and sandstone in the region, Fairfield County has been home to numerous glass companies over the years.

In 2003, the Ohio legislature designated Lancaster as the Pressed Glass Capital of Ohio.

Tour guides at the museum provide visitors with information about the early glassmaking processes through modern day manufacturing techniques. The museum's movie "Born of Fire" tells the story of glass produced in Lancaster and Fairfield County.

In 2010, the museum established a glass blowing studio where the public can see demonstrations and learn about glass making. Glass blowers operate during museum hours and hold classes for those interested in getting a hands-on experience to making unique pieces of art.

The museum's gift shop opened in 2005 and offers artistic creations provided by the museum's glass blowers and other regional glass artists. The shop also sells manufactured glassware items for the home.

Collections of interesting glass pieces are on display and are provided by local, and sometimes out-of-state, collectors.

The Ohio Glass Museum is located at 124 W. Main St., Lancaster. Museum hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1-4 p.m. from March through October; Tuesday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. from November through February. The museum is also open by appointment. The gift shop is open during museum hours and Monday through Friday 10-4 p.m.

General admission is \$6. Seniors are \$5 and students (ages 6-18) are \$3. Children 6 and under are admitted free. For information about the Ohio Glass Museum, call (740) 687-0101 or visit www.ohioglassmuseum.org.



Museum Directory

AHA! A Hands-On Adventure A Children's Museum

315 S. Broad St., Lancaster
(740) 653-1010
www.aha4kids.org

Baltimore Area Community Museum

209 E. Market St., Baltimore
(740) 862-3900

Bremen Area Historical Society Museum

161 Carter Street, Bremen
(740) 929-1998
www.bremenareahistoricalsociety.org

Buckeye Lake Museum

4729 Walnut Road, Buckeye Lake
(740) 929-1998
www.buckeyelakehistory.org

Decorative Arts Center of Ohio

145 E. Main St., Lancaster
(740) 681-1423
www.decartsohio.org

Stoneburner's Grocery Store and Sugar Grove Museum

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Historical Aircraft Squadron Museum

3266 Old Columbus Road, Carroll
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www.historicalaircraftsquadron.com

Lancaster Soap Box Derby Museum

3060 BIS Road, Lancaster
(740) 974-4795
www.lancastersoapboxderby.com

Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum

13515 Yarmouth Dr., Pickerington
(614) 856-2222
www.motorcyclemuseum.org

Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum

15 E. Columbus St., Pickerington
(614) 837-2119/(614) 837-5132
www.pickeringtonhistoricalsociety.com

Sherman House Museum

137 E. Main St., Lancaster
(740) 654-9923
www.fairfieldheritage.org

The Georgian Museum

105 E. Wheeling St., Lancaster
(740) 654-9923
www.fairfieldheritage.org

The Ohio Glass Museum and Glass Blowing Studio

124 W. Main St., Lancaster
(740) 687-0101
www.ohioglassmuseum.org

Wagnalls Memorial Museum

150 E. Columbus St., Lithopolis
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www.wagnalls.org

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Explore Lancaster's History!

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The Georgian Museum,
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March

Maple Tapping Festival
Alley Park, Lancaster
Contact: Lancaster Parks & Recreation
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April

The Georgian and Sherman House
Museum Season-Opening
Downtown Lancaster
(open April through Mid December)
Contact: Fairfield Heritage Association
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May

A Celtic Gathering
Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
Contact: Cindy Smith
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June

Lancaster Old Car Club Spring Festival
Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
Contact: Tammy Colosky
(614) 925-2426
www.lancasteroldcarclub.org

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Awesome Acres, Carroll
Contact: Scott Crites
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www.ohiohobbqfestival.com

Corvette Gathering
Downtown Lancaster
Contact: Dan Singer
(740) 687-1234
www.ohiocorvettecluballiance.org

Ohio American Legion State
Baseball Tournament
Al Beavers Field, Lancaster
Contact: Al Beavers
(740) 215-4155
www.ohioalegion.com

Lancaster Festival
Various venues around Lancaster and OUA
Contact: Lancaster Festival office
(740) 687-4808
www.lancasterfestival.org

Pickerington Violet Festival
Downtown Pickerington
Contact: Pickerington Violet Festival office
(614) 524-4758
www.violetfestival.org

August

Baltimore Festival
Johnston Park, Baltimore
Contact: Jeff Metzger
(740) 862-8876
www.baltimorefestival.com

Fairfield County Hot Air Balloon Festival
Fairfield County Airport, Carroll
Contact: Tom Furlong
(614) 810-2539
www.fairfieldcountyhotairballoonfestival.com

Antique Tractor Show
Alley Park, Lancaster
Contact: Doug Shaw
(740) 407-2347
www.fairfieldcountytractorclub.com

Carroll Old Timers Festival
Village of Carroll
Contact: Beth Lane
(740) 777-0227
www.carrolloldtimers.org

Millersport Sweet Corn Festival
Millersport
Contact: Sweet Corn Festival office
(740) 467-3639
www.sweetcornfest.com

September

Lithopolis Honeyfest
Columbus Street, Lithopolis
Contact: Village of Lithopolis
(614) 837-2031
www.lithopolishoneyfest.com

Frontier Spirit 1799
Alley Park, Lancaster
Contact: Jim Chandler
(740) 385-0633
www.frontierplayers.org

Licking River Kennel Club Show
Cluster
Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
Contact: Lea Anne Broever
(740) 503-5046
www.lrk.com

October

Fairfield County Fair
Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Lancaster
Contact: Fair board office
(740) 653-3041
www.fairfieldcountyfair.com

Alley Park Pumpkin Hike
Alley Park, Lancaster
Contact: Lancaster Parks & Recreation
(740) 687-6651
www.lancasterparks.com

Bremen Pumpkin Walk
Howell Park, Bremen
Contact: Village of Bremen office
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www.bremencoc.org

Firelight Fridays
Geneva Hills
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November

Holiday Christmas Parade
Downtown Lancaster
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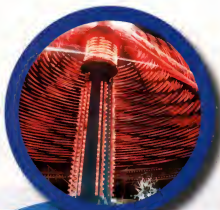
Christmas Walk and Dinner
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Christmas Candlelight Tour
various downtown churches, Lancaster
Contact: Fairfield Heritage Association
(740) 654-9923
www.fairfieldheritage.org

Silent Night in Sugar Grove
various locations, Village of Sugar Grove
Contact: Rosemary Dupler
(740) 746-8864

Bremen Lighted Christmas Parade
Downtown Bremen
Contact: Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce
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Festivals

Celebrate all year long at Fairfield County's many Festivals! The arts, food, classic cars, agriculture, Native American heritage and more are all featured at our many special events. Check out our Calendar at www.visitfairfieldcounty.org for exact Festival dates.

Honoring Traditions Eastern Woodland Celebration

Fairfield County Fairgrounds • Lancaster • January

A celebration of Native American cultures, this event brings together representatives from over 30 tribes, and more than 200 dancers. The annual two-day powwow also features several Native nations musicians, drummers, artisans, food vendors and more. The Grand Entry Parade, held each day at noon, is not to be missed.

Maple Tapping Festival

Ally Park • Lancaster • March

The best way to rise and shine! This morning festival is a great way to celebrate the sweetness of spring. Watch a live tree tapping demonstration, visit the sugar house for some treats and stick around for the pancake breakfast with, you guessed it, real maple syrup. Learn about wood carving and local outdoor education as well! Visit www.lancasterparks.com for more information.

A Celtic Gathering

Fairfield County Fairgrounds • Lancaster • May

The Celtic Festival is a celebration of Irish, Scottish and Welsh Heritage that takes place in Lancaster at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds in May each year. The festival is put on by the Lancaster Celtic Committee and has highland athletics, dancing and music. More information can be found online at www.lancastercelticgathering.com.

Lancaster Old Car Club Spring Festival

Lancaster • June

Established in 1957, the Lancaster Old Car Club is one of Ohio's oldest car clubs. Each June, the group hosts the Lancaster Old Car Club Spring Festival that features the most classic and unique cars in the region. The festival itself features a car swap meet, car corral and cruise, and allows visitors to have a sneak peak at cars from bygone days that are well-maintained with sleek lines and shiny surfaces. For more information, visit www.lancasteroldcarclub.org.

Lancaster Festival

Lancaster • July

The Lancaster Festival held each July is one of the largest events in Fairfield County. Designed to fully celebrate the artistic creativity of all cultures, it serves as the foundation of community efforts to nurture participation in the arts year-round. Entertainment has included live performances such as Michael Bolton, Crystal Bowersox and the Lancaster Festival Orchestra. Art events include Italian street painting, art walks, dance performances, children's hands-on adventures, and more. All these events help to make this Festival a fun event for the entire family. For more information, visit www.lancasterfestival.org.

Pickerington Violet Festival

Pickerington • July

The Pickerington Violet Festival is four days of family fun in the heart of Pickerington, the Violet Capital of Ohio. Highlights include big-name entertainment, rides, food, a car and bike show, a 5K and Kids Fun Run, and lots more! www.pickeringtonvioletfestival.org

Rhythm and Ribs BBQ Festival

Awesome Acres • Carroll • July

Held in July in Carroll, this festival promises hot ribs and cool music. The newer festival brings top Ohio musical talent to the stage and sends guests home with a full belly of barbecue. The three-day festival is held at Awesome Acres, at the corner of Route 33 and Coonpath Road in Carroll. Admission is free and parking is reasonably priced. For information about the festival, visit www.ohiobbqfestival.com.

Baltimore Festival

Johnson Park • Baltimore • August

The village of Baltimore hosts the Baltimore Festival each year to create a fun, family-friendly environment. The festival is filled with rides, live entertainment, a princess pageant, cruise-in, 5K road race, grand parade, raffles, games, food and craft show. The festival also offers an historic aspect with its tours of the Ohio-Erie Canal, which once ran through the village. For more information, visit www.baltimorefestival.org.

Carroll Old Timers Festival

Carroll • August

Organized by the Carroll Old Timers Association that was first created in 1963, the Carroll Old Timers Festival is held each August and offers a variety of entertainment and events. From corn hole and a canine dog show to a kids pageant, men's and women's old time baseball games, pie contest, kiddie tractor pull, car show, karate, release of pigeons, and crowning of the king and queen, there is something for everyone. Visit www.carrolloldtimers.org for more information.

Fairfield County Hot Air Balloon Festival

Fairfield County Airport Carroll • August

The Fairfield County Hot Air Balloon Festival is held in Carroll in August, and features more than just a plethora of hot air balloons crossing the sky. Working in conjunction with Skydive Columbus and the Historical Aircraft Squadron, aerial acrobats are performed, in addition to a series of hot air balloon rides, live entertainment and a chili cook off. There's entertainment for the kids, including a Kid's Fun Zone, as well as a silent art auction. For more information, visit www.fairfieldcountyhotairballoonfestival.com.

Millersport Sweet Corn Festival

Millersport • August

This a-maize-ing festival is about more than celebrating one of Ohio's favorite crops. What began in the 1940s as a fundraising event has grown into a four-day event flush with entertainment. Live music, arts, crafts, a parade, pageant, tractor pull, 5K run, and more means there is something for everyone. Check out the sites of the Heritage Village, where you can learn all about the famous 1948 corn husker -- one of only two left in the nation. And don't miss the corn-eating contest! www.sweetcornfest.com

Lithopolis Honeyfest

Lithopolis • September

Oh, how sweet it is to "save the planet one honeybee at a time." This non-profit event was created to raise awareness of the importance of honey bees -- not just for the sweet snack we've grown to love, but also for their impact on crop pollination. Over the course of one weekend, you'll learn all about different varieties of honey, the science and industry behind beekeeping, and see all sorts of products produced straight from the hive. Watch honey get extracted from the comb, reveal in bee beards, and check out some music while you're at it. There's also a honey bake-off, photo contest, and plenty of arts and crafts for sale. If you don't check it out, you'll "bee" sorry! www.lithopolishoneyfest.com

Amanda Firefighters Festival

Amanda • September

The Amanda Firefighters Festival is a family-friendly event complete with children's rides, festival-style foods, games, entertainment, two parades, a kiddie tractor pull, car show and more. The festival is located at 211 North Johns Street in the village of Amanda and is free. For more information, call 740-969-2629.

Frontier Spirit 1799

Allegheny Park • Lancaster • September

Frontier Spirit 1799 is presented annually by the Frontier Players Association. The production will emphasize the 1799-style village highlighting numerous demonstrations by costumed re-enactors including artillery firing, militia drill and trades. 18th century musicians will play throughout the day and guests can play games common to the late 1700s. The event is held in September in Allegheny Park in Lancaster. www.frontierplayers.org



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Lancaster Festival

The annual Lancaster Festival turns the streets of Lancaster into a family-friendly 10-day event celebrating the arts every July.

The festival features over 70 arts events for all ages and artistic tastes — many of which are free.

In 1988, Maestro Gary Sheldon was named the festival's music director and formed the first Lancaster Festival Orchestra the same year. Dozens of musicians from across the nation and globe perform in the orchestra every year, which is said to be the bedrock of the annual summer festival.

By having its own orchestra, the musicians are able to tune into the local tastes of the region. The musicians are welcomed into the homes of Lancaster residents and often offer impromptu performances and music lessons to children throughout the multi-day event.

Arts events and performances are held at over 20 venues in Lancaster ranging from beautiful churches, parks, museums, area businesses, and the scenic outdoor amphitheatre at the Ohio University-Lancaster campus.

The Lancaster Festival celebrates the artistic creativity of all cultures and turns the city into an artistic entertainment hub each summer.

Classical music guests perform every year, as well as more contemporary musicians. Past performers have included Emmylou Harris, Kathy Mattea, Dionne Warwick, Kenny Loggins, 10,000 Maniacs, Michael Bolton, Aretha Franklin, Doc Severinsen, Lee Greenwood, Randy Travis, Sheena Easton, The Beach Boys, Wynonna, The Pointer Sisters, Lee Ann Womack, The Temptations, Kenny Rogers, Lou Rawls, Jo Dee Messina, and many more.

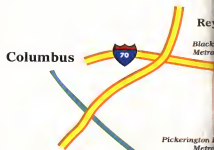
The people of Lancaster take great pride and ownership in the annual festival. More than 600 volunteers donate their time each year for preparations for the event.

For information about the Lancaster Festival, visit www.lancasterfestival.org or call (740) 687-4808.

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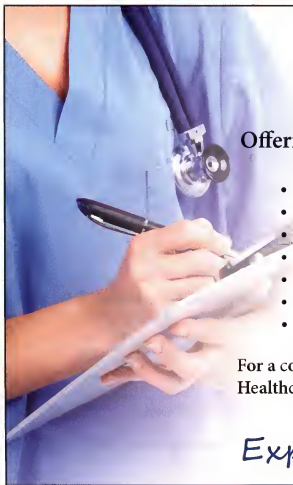
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150th Anniversary: Civil War

One of the most decorated soldiers from Fairfield County who served in the Civil War was Jacob Wilson Parrott, who became the first person to receive the Medal of Honor for his involvement with Andrews Raiders, a group of 22 men who infiltrated Confederate lines in 1862.

The men hijacked the Confederate locomotive General before becoming captured, imprisoned and beaten. Most were killed, although six of the men, including Parrott, escaped back into Union territory.

The 1862 hijacking came to be known as the Great Locomotive Chase and was featured in a 1956 Walt Disney Production.

Parrott was part of the 33rd Ohio Infantry and volunteered for Andrews Raiders under the direction of James J. Andrews, a civilian scout and part-time spy who proposed a daring raid to destroy the Western and Atlantic Railroad, which was a useful supply link to Chattanooga, Tennessee. The idea was to isolate the city from Atlanta, Ga. by damaging the railroad, along with bridges and telegraph wires to prevent the Confederate Army from moving supplies northward.

The tactic was similar to that used by another Lancaster native who served in the Civil War. In Gen. William T. Sherman's March to the Sea of 1864, his forces destroyed military targets, industry, infrastructure, civilian property and disrupted the South's economy and transportation networks en route to Savannah, Ga.

Sherman, along with U.S. Army Commander, Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, believed the Civil War would end by debilitating the Confederacy's economic and psychological capacity for warfare. During his march to Savannah, Sherman ordered his troops to burn crops, kill livestock, destroy infrastructure and live off the land by consuming supplies along the way.

Sherman is largely credited with winning the Civil War because of this tactic, and even telegraphed President Abraham Lincoln offering him the city of Savannah, Ga. as a Christmas gift.

During Parrott's capture following the hijacking of the Confederate locomotive, he was imprisoned and severely beaten more than 100 times in an attempt to get him to provide information about the Union

Army. Of the 22 that volunteered for Andrews Raiders, just 14 managed to escape imprisonment. Of those 14, only six survived and made their way back to Union territory.

All six were awarded the Medal of Honor in 1863, while all the others were awarded the medal later posthumously. Parrott was taken to Washington, D.C. to meet President Abraham Lincoln and was presented the Medal of Honor by Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton.

Monuments honoring Sherman and Parrott and native-born Medal of Honor recipients are located in Zane Square in historic Downtown Lancaster, including the Sherman Statue which was unveiled in 2000 for the bicentennial celebration of Fairfield County, the Medal of Honor marker honoring the nine Fairfield County Medal of Honor winners, the bicentennial marker for Sherman, newly refurbished Civil War Cannon and the GAR commemorative drinking fountain.

Sherman's boyhood home, located at 137 E. Main St. in Downtown Lancaster also has been turned into a museum.

Lancaster contributed six generals to the Civil War, including Sherman; three of U.S. Secretary of the Interior Thomas Ewing's sons, including Thomas Ewing Jr., Gen. Hugh Boyle Ewing and Gen. Charles Ewing; Gen. Geisey; and Gen. Schenck.

Forest Rose Cemetery, located at 1238 N. Columbus St., Lancaster, is the site of the Civil War Memorial Monument and the final resting place of Medal of Honor winner Andrew Davidson, who was assistant surgeon to the Union Army.

Elmwood Cemetery, located at the corner of South Mt. Pleasant Avenue and South Walnut Street, Lancaster, is one of the oldest cemeteries in Lancaster and serves as the final resting place for several political figures and soldiers.

Also located a short drive away from Lancaster in Rushville are two stops along the Underground Railroad. For more information, visit www.civilwarfairfieldcountyohio.org.





The Sherman House Museum

The Sherman House Museum is the birthplace of General William Tecumseh Sherman and his younger brother U.S. Senator John Sherman. The Sherman House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Civil War Discovery Trail and has been a memorial to the Sherman family since 1951. The home was deeded to the Fairfield Heritage Association in 1982.

Charles and Mary Hoyt Sherman left their home in Connecticut, arriving in the frontier town of Lancaster in 1811. Charles set up a law practice here and by 1823 had been elected as Judge on the Ohio Supreme Court. The sixth of their eleven children, William Tecumseh, was born February 8, 1820 and named after the great Shawnee chief. He is best remembered for his leadership during the Civil War, particularly during his March to the Sea in 1864, and as Commanding General of the Army from 1869 to 1883. Younger brother John passed the Ohio Bar at age 21 and entered into politics in 1854. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate, and was appointed Secretary of State by President William McKinley in 1897. Two Acts of Congress still bear his name, the Sherman Antitrust Act and the Sherman Silver Standard Act.

The Shermans' original frame home, built in 1811, consists of a parlor/dining room, kitchen, master bedroom and children's bedroom. The Sherman family added to the house in 1816, including a parlor and study for Judge Charles Sherman. These two sections of the original home have been restored to the period of the Shermans' residence with appropriate furnishings and many Sherman family pieces.

A brick front was added to the house in 1870, after the family sold the house, and this Victorian parlor now includes furnishings owned by the General and Ellen Sherman when they lived in New York City after his retirement. The second floor of this addition houses a re-creation of General Sherman's Civil War field tent and an exhibition of Civil War artifacts, with an illustrated timeline of the General's march through the South.

A guided tour of the house informs visitors about the remarkable legacy of this Fairfield County family and their contributions to national history. The museum is open from April through mid-December, Tuesday through Sunday, 12-4pm. Groups by appointment January through March. Visit the website for admission cost and special events: www.fairfieldheritage.org



The Georgian Museum

The Georgian Museum is located in one of Lancaster's three National Historic Districts, and exemplifies early 19th century American craftsmanship. Built originally for Samuel and Sarah Maccracken in 1832 by local builder Daniel Sifford, the home of brick and native limestone embodies features of both Federal and Greek Revival architecture. The structure is unlike any other built by Sifford, with its double-curved wall along a two-storied portico supported by fluted Ionic columns and windows that opened to the floor for access to the veranda.

Throughout the house twelve-foot ceilings draw attention to stunning woodwork, archways and chandeliers. A cantilevered spiral staircase leads up three floors - highlighted at the top by a cupola, which lights up the entire house. Rooms have been restored to reflect the period of the Maccracken's residence from 1832 to 1852, with appropriate wall and floor coverings, and historic furnishings, including many pieces made in Fairfield County during the first half of the 19th century.

Samuel Maccracken arrived in Lancaster with many of the early Ohio settlers who migrated from Pennsylvania, and he established a tannery in Lancaster by 1815. The following year, he brought his new bride from her home in New Jersey, and over the course of the next 20 years, they became one of the most prosperous families in Fairfield County. By 1832 when the building of the home they called Mt. Flora was completed, Samuel was

well-known as one of the leading businessmen in the area. Shortly after moving into their new home, he was given the post of Ohio Canal Fund Commissioner, and during this time he became a primary shareholder in the Lancaster Lateral Canal, which connected Lancaster to the Ohio and Erie Canal.

The Maccrackens sold Mt. Flora in 1852, and in 1886 their grandson purchased the home, residing in it for six years. Four owners later, in 1937, it became "The Georgian", featuring a tea room, dress shop and antique shop. When it was saved from demolition in 1972 by the Fairfield Heritage Association, the mansion retained the 1930s name.

Today, visitors enjoy a guided of three restored floors of the house and learn about the Maccrackens and their contemporaries within the context of early Fairfield County history. The museum is open from April through mid-December, Tuesday through Sunday, 1-4pm. Groups by appointment January through March. Visit the website for admission cost and special events: www.fairfieldheritage.org



COUNTY DRIVING TOUR

There is fun to be had and history to be explored throughout Fairfield County. Venture off the beaten path to take in museums, historic downtowns, unique shopping and dining, parks and much more. A leisurely drive will lead you to these not-to-be-missed treasures of Fairfield County.



Pickerington

Start your driving tour in the city of Pickerington located in the northwest corner of Fairfield County. Pickerington was founded in 1815 and was called Jacksonville until its name was changed in 1827 to honor its founder Abraham Pickering. In the 1990s, the city was designated the "Violet Capital of Ohio" but flowers are not the only thing it has to offer.

Pickerington is home to the Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, located at 13515 Yarmouth Drive off Interstate 70. The museum, which was established in 1990, is an offshoot of the American Motorcyclist Association. The museum features motorcycles, riding gear and memorabilia.

The first floor of the museum honors the Hall of Fame inductees and the machines that helped them accomplish greatness on the tracks, roads and trails that elevated motorcycling to its place in society today. The hall has a Wayne Rainey Superbike, the one-of-a-kind bikes of Craig Vetter and Denis Manning's 23-foot-long Tenacious II streamliner on display. And that is just the start. The whole family is sure to find something intriguing in this unique museum.

To keep the Pickerington experience going, head on over to Pickerington Ponds, a 416-acre nature preserve made up of marshes, ponds and uplands just outside the city. The preserve has a variety of plant species, many of which can be found near the buttonbush swamp, located on the south side of the preserve near Bowden Road. It is also a hot-spot for bird watching with more than 250 recorded species. Pickerington Ponds is located about two miles west of Pickerington on Wright Road.

To keep the fun outside, test your skills on the disc golf course located at 625 E. Columbus Road. The course caters for both beginners and more skilled disc golfers. If you make it to Pickerington during the winter months, there is seasonal ice skating in Victory Park. The park is located on Lockville Road.

Visitors can end their day in Pickerington in the Olde Pickerington Village, 30 W. Columbus St. The village has numerous historic downtown buildings, hosts many events and features the Olde Carnegie Library Museum, Zeller-Smith Covered Bridge, shops and restaurants.



Lithopolis


Continue your driving tour in Lithopolis. Lithopolis was founded in 1814 by Frederick Baughrer. It earned its nickname "City of Stone" for the limestone quarry located in the area. Several downtown buildings are excellent examples of pre-Civil War and early-1900s architecture.

One of the staples of Lithopolis is the Honeyfest. September is National Honey Month and the Honeyfest is held just after Labor Day. The festival is a non-profit event to raise awareness about the importance of honey bees on the pollination of crops and to educate the public about the beekeeping industry. The festival is full of unique attractions, including honey bee beards, the Honey Bake-Off and honey beer in the Bloom-Carroll Kiwanis Honey Brown Beer Garden. Admission to the festival is free and it is located on Columbus Street.

The Wagnalls Memorial is another place to see while in Lithopolis. The Memorial opened in 1925 and consists of a library, theatre and museum. The Memorial was dedicated in honor of Adam and Anna Wagnalls. Adam was a co-founder of the Funk & Wagnalls Company, which was a publishing company whose works included A Standard Dictionary of the English Language that was first published in 1894. The Memorial and its Foundation work to preserve the Wagnalls legacy. The Memorial is located at 150 E. Columbus St.

Bremen

Bremen was founded in 1834 by a group of German settlers and has a history of farming and oil discovery. In the 1980s, parts of the oil derricks were moved and reconstructed in Howell Park on East Main Street. Today, the village has numerous restaurants, shopping and seasonal events, such as the Pumpkin Walk in October and Lighted Parade in December.



Sugar Grove

Sugar Grove is just outside of Lancaster and offers small town charm and numerous family activities. Start your trip by visiting the Little Red Caboose Welcome Center. The caboose, which was built in 1949, now operates as a museum that is set up as when it was used by brakemen during the trains operation. The welcome center is located on Elm Street. Also in Sugar Grove is the Flight of the Hawk Sculpture Park, which features the work of local artist Ric Leichter. The park is located on Old Logan Road.

Millersport

Millersport is located along the old route of the Ohio-Erie Canal and the town flourished because of canal trade. The village is surrounded by rural farmland and beautiful scenery.





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Amanda

Driving to the village of Amanda gives Fairfield County visitors a great opportunity to see the countryside and many Amish farms. For family fun, once inside the village, head to Fairfield County's only skating rink, the Amanda Roller Rink. The rink is open year round. Visitors can stay in Amanda at the Dum-Ford House Bed and Breakfast located on West Main Street. The house was built in the 1840s and is decorated with antique furnishings. For more information or to see if rooms are available call 740-969-3010.

Baltimore

The village of Baltimore was settled in the 1800s by Swiss settlers and was part of the 'twin-city feud' with Virginians who settled New Market in the east end of town. The feud has since been settled and Baltimore has much to offer visitors; such as Alt and Johnson Parks and the Bibler Lock, which was part of the Erie Canal when it ran through the village.

Carroll

Carroll was founded in 1829 at the junction of the Erie and Lancaster Lateral Canals. It was the only place in Fairfield County where the canals intersected. The village is a great place to stop for small town charm between Lancaster and Columbus. It is also the home of the Pine Hill Golf Course, which is an 18-hole course for all skill levels. The course is located at 4382 Kauffman Road.



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During your visit, head to the tasting room for a glass or bottle of the winery's finest. With flights of three or six wines, the Buckeye Lake Winery has options for every palate and budget. Be sure to take a taste of their dining menu, too, featuring small plates and sweet treats to pair with your favorite wine. (And if you find one you like, stop by the Wine Store before you leave to pick up a bottle or two for friends!)

Speaking of friends, Buckeye Lake Winery is a great place to host your next event, be it a wedding, group getaway, or family gathering. The banquet facilities can accommodate 12-250 people, with food, beverage, and audio-visual services. Check out the website for pricing details as well as information on holiday events.

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Rockmill Brewery

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Fancy a pint? Well, you've come to the right place. Opened in 2010 by Matt Barbee, the brewery is named for a former gristmill and located on a former horse farm that will leave any visitor a little breathless. Lush, rolling green lawns create a landscape that is an idyllic home for a Belgian-style saison, whitbier, dubble, and more.

Belgian beers? In Ohio? The secret is the water that flows in the brewery's spring 100 ft. below the ground. Very similar to the water in Wallonia, the French-speaking southern region of Belgium, the water filters through the rocks, picking up a mineral profile that makes each beer unlike any others in Central Ohio. Made in small batches, each organic beer is brewed, bottled, and hand-corked on site - a site that you can visit.

Pack a picnic and drop by the tasting room for some samples. Not sure what to pack for a successful pairing? The brewery blog at www.rockmillbrewery.wordpress.com has a list of suggested cheese, chocolate and charcuterie pairings. Before or after your tasting, get outside and be sure to explore the grounds' woods, chapel, forest, and rocky outcroppings.

Do you need any more excuses to visit? Special events have included yoga sessions, brunches and holiday dinners, live music, and special tastings. Keep an eye on the brewery blog for upcoming events.

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Farmers Markets

Fairfield County is home to many farmers markets. During the growing months, check out the produce, flowers, and baked goods available to you from the "fair fields" of the region.

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Job & Family Services Parking Lot, Corner of Wheeling & Memorial Drive
Tuesdays • April-October, 3:30-6:30 p.m. • (740)-569-4563
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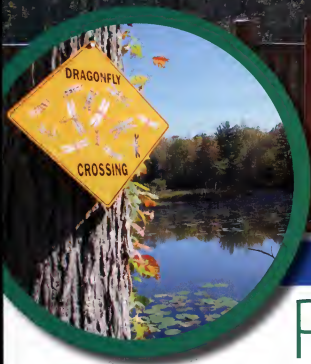
The local source for locally grown and produced products including fruit, vegetables, herbs, flowers, plants, baked goods, and more.

Olde Pickerington Farmers Market

June-September, Thursdays 4-7 p.m.
89 N Center St. (at Town Square Drive) • Pickerington, OH 43137
(614)-321-8221

Weekly gathering of area farmers, bakers and artisans offering fresh produce, baked goods, crafts, and more.





Parks

Lancaster City Parks

www.lancasterparks.com (740) 687-6651

From an original donation of 73 acres of land in 1909, the Lancaster Parks system has grown to over 640 acres today. Facilities include 2 public swimming pools, shelter houses, walking trails, nature center and the George Hutchins Covered Bridge, as well as tennis courts, a disc golf course, skateboard park and many special events throughout the year.

Pickerington City Parks

www.pickerington.net (614) 833-2211

With over 150 acres of park land, there is something for everyone, including a community swimming pool, shelter houses, softball and soccer fields, basketball courts, the Zeller-Smith Covered Bridge, disc golf course, skateboard and dog park, and many acres of hiking and bicycle trails. Special events are held throughout the year, many in the natural amphitheatre in Sycamore Park.

Fairfield County Historical Parks

www.historicalparks.org (740) 681-7249

The Historical Parks District was created in 1981 to preserve our history as well as natural and outdoor resources. The centerpiece is the Rock Mill (p. 11), the oldest original grist mill in the country. There are also 5 original covered bridges, the only "X" shaped Indian mound known to exist in the world, a state nature preserve, and many other one-of-a-kind historic and natural sites.

Metro Parks

www.metro.parks.net (614) 891-0700

The Metro Parks system operates four parks in Fairfield County: Blacklick Woods, Chestnut Ridge, Clearcreek and Pickerington Ponds. Thousands of acres include miles of multi-use trails, a nature preserve, fishing, nature centers with observation areas, wetlands, and even mountain bike trails. Many of the parks feature connector trails to Metro Parks in adjoining counties.





Buckeye Lake

Stretching over Fairfield, Licking, and Perry Counties, this reservoir has played a key role in Ohio's canal system throughout the early-to-mid-1800s. As railroads became more prevalent and canals fell out of favor, the lake became a popular spot for homes and recreation, as well as the former home of the Buckeye Lake Amusement Park before becoming an official state park in 1949 when the Ohio Department of Natural Resources was founded.

Buckeye Lake has many great birdwatching opportunities for waterfowl, and spring and fall migrants. One of the state's largest great blue heron rookeries can be found on neighboring private land, but the birds are often seen throughout the park. For underwater wildlife fans, there are perch, bluegill, crappie, muskellunge, largemouth bass, and channel and bullhead catfish.

The unlimited horsepower 3,100-acre lake also has nine launch ramps, 135 seasonal docks and several local service marinas. Swimming, picnicking, playground and camping areas are also available, and winter visitors can enjoy ice skating, cross-country skiing, ice fishing, and ice boating.

Cranberry Bog State Nature Preserve

Before it was a man-made reservoir, Buckeye Lake used to be an ancient glacial lake, called a kettle. As they settled and drained over the years, what remained was low-lying swampy areas known as bogs or marshes. When Buckeye Lake was impounded to expand its depth in the 1820s, the rising waters forced a 50-acre patch of young plants to break loose like a "giant waterlogged sponge" and float to the top of lake. Thus was born Cranberry Bog, the only floating bog mat in the world.

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Outdoor Adventure

Vincent van Gogh once said "It's no good in the city; I've got to get out. I've got to renew myself in the country." And while the rush and bustle of the streets are exciting, there is nothing quite like flying through the trees on a zipline or soaring above the water on a jetpack. Yes, you read that right. Renew yourself with the outdoor adventure options in Fairfield County.



Valley Zipline Tours

3465 Duffy Road • Lancaster • (740) 654-3392 • www.valleyziplinetours.com

Call for Reservations

Zippity doo dah, indeed! Opened in 2012, the zipline offers a little bit of something for everyone looking for a rush. The main challenge course of this high-flying adventure offers 11 different lines, including three monster zips, that send you soaring along ridge tops and through the trees. Massive tower lines take you over 1,000 ft. over 100 ft. above the ground, reaching speeds of 40 mph over the lake valley. Next, you'll fly down The Duel, a pair of racing lines, before finishing up with a final flight another 50 ft. above the ground. Breathless yet?

There is also a Mini Zip course featuring five smaller lines, perfect for children. In total, that makes up 21 zip lines for over a mile of high-flying fun at one of the longest zip line tours in the midwest!

Want the adrenaline rush without the mileage? Check out the Giant Swing. You'll be pulled 50 feet into the air before you pull a ripcord that will send you in a free fall for roughly three seconds before the swing grabs you. You'll fly suspended for a full 30 seconds before coming to a stop!

With 50 acres of forested fun, Valley Zipline Tours is a great place to host a group event. The site also offers two fully-stocked catfish lakes, several picnic areas, fire rings, and available event tents. Bring your summer camp, scout troop, reunion, birthday party, or next corporate event here for an experience no one will ever forget.

Scuba diving at Lakeview RV Park

2715 Sugar Grove Road • Lancaster • (740) 653-4519 • www.nottolakeview.com

Call for Reservations

Do ya scuba? Well, then come check out the sunken treasures in the 16-acre, 50-ft. deep spring-fed stone quarry. It's perfect for diving enthusiasts, as well as rescue and certification trainers.

Along with the on-site refill station and camping opportunities, you'll have full use of the dressing platform, bathhouse, laundry facility and beach areas. A good 10-30 ft. visibility depth (depending on the weather) lets you experience an underwater twin-engine plane, Frito Lay truck, weed bed reef, and more. (Not to mention the bluegill, crappie, carp, mussels and clams!)



Skydive Columbus

Fairfield County Airport

3430 Old Columbus Road • Carroll

614-203-0210 • www.skydivemh.com

Skydive Columbus is central Ohio's only place to skydive, and specializes in both tandem skydiving rides for the beginner, as well as accommodations for the more advanced skydiver.

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Southeastern Ohio to the east.

JetPack Water Adventures

2715 Sugar Grove Road • Lancaster • (740) FLY-TIME 359-8463 • Call for Reservations

The fun doesn't stop at Lakeview RV Park. Suit up into an ultralight harness and fly away with JetPack Water Adventures, the first adventure of its kind in Fairfield County. You'll get a chance to rocket 30 feet above or below the surface of the lake, propelled by two streaming jets of water from the JetLev pack. The 200-horsepower marine engine pumps water up a 10-meter hose at over 1,000 gallons per minute, generating more than 420 lbs. of thrust. It's an experience unlike any other.

Warning: Must be a good swimmer. Life jackets and helmets are provided. Eighteen years or older only. Restrictions apply. Visit www.jetpackwateradventures.com for more information.

Geocaching in Fairfield County

Fairfield County Visitors & Convention Bureau • 124 W. Main St., Suite 200 • Lancaster • (740) 654-5929

Start first with the Fairfield County History Geo Trail, opened in May 2013. The collaborative effort between the Buckeye Geocachers Society and the Fairfield County Visitors & Convention Bureau is a fun and historic adventure, perfect for the entire family and geocaching fans alike. All you need is a free account, GPS enabled device and the official puzzle sheet from www.visitfairfieldcounty.org. Several of the county's parks also have caches to discover.

If you've never heard of geocaching, visit www.geocaching.com to learn more!

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This Guide features some unique local restaurants, with menu items that are hometown favorites. Of course, Fairfield County has a large number of national chain restaurants, many with several locations throughout the county. For a complete listing of restaurants in our area, visit our website at www.visitfairfieldcounty.org and click on the "Dining" tab.

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Shared Regional Attractions

Fairfield County has many unique attractions which are located partially in our county and are also "shared" by neighboring counties. After spending the day exploring and enjoying Fairfield County, why

not spend the night here in one of our hotels, B&Bs or campgrounds (Lodging, page 45), and then head out to some of these shared or nearby attractions.

Buckeye Lake

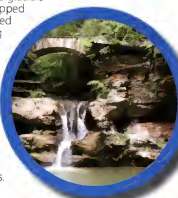
Although Buckeye Lake is primarily a recreational area today, there is a rich history behind this attraction. The man-made Lake was originally built as a reservoir for the Ohio canal system. The village of Buckeye Lake grew up around the lake and commercial development soon followed. An amusement park, known as the "Playground of Ohio" was built in 1931 and operated until 1970. Stop in the Buckeye Lake Museum and get a complete history of the area, including photographs and other memorabilia, and even a restored car from the Park's roller coaster. While you're on the "North Shore" of the lake, take a ride on the "Queen Of The Lake" pontoon boat. Public tours of the Museum, Lake, Cranberry Bog and more are available on the "Queen" from May-September. www.buckeyelakehistory.org

Ziplining Tour

Valley Zipline Tours, located just southeast of Lancaster, offers thrill seekers a chance to soar high above the beautiful forests and ridges of Fairfield County. If you're a die-hard ziplining fan, you can continue the fun with two other nearby zipline locations. Hocking Hills Canopy Tours, and Hocking Peaks Adventure Park both offer courses which will allow you to get a birds-eye view of the region. Take an all-day (or two-day) zipline adventure and experience over 50 ziplines, including the 1,000 foot long "Super Zip". www.valleyziplinetours.com

Hocking Hills Region

It has been said of Fairfield County that, "The Hocking Hills Start Here." Hundreds of millions of years ago as the glaciers moved across North America, they stopped right on the edge of the area. This resulted in unique – and sometimes breathtaking – formations of sandstone and other materials. Mt. Pleasant, located in Lancaster's Rising Park, is an example of this effect. An easy 10-minute climb to the top affords visitors a panoramic view, including part of the Hocking Hills area just to the south of Fairfield County. A short drive to the Hocking Hills State Park will allow a close-up look at attractions such as Cedar Falls, Old Man's Cave, Conkle's Hollow and more. <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/hockinghills>



Metro Parks

There are four different parks in the Metro Parks system located in Fairfield County. The largest of these, Clear Creek, straddles the border between Fairfield and Hocking Counties, spans over 5,000 acres, and is home to Ohio's largest dedicated nature preserve. Nine different hiking trails allow visitors to explore much of the park, and there are also picnic areas, fishing docks and a restored 19th century cabin. Just across the county line in Pickaway County, the Slate Run Living Historical Farm offers visitors a glimpse into farm work and family life in the 1880s. Staff and volunteers do their work with tools and methods used before the introduction of electricity or gasoline engines, while explaining the processes to visitors. Among the 15 stops on the tour are pastures, barns, a farmhouse, gardens, and even a working windmill. www.metrotparks.net

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